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March Safety Tip

National Poison Prevention Week

The week of March 17 – 23 is National Poison Prevention Week. Please note that there is a new national, toll-free, hotline number for the National Poison Control Center:
1-800-222-1222.

1. Keep all chemicals and medicines locked up, out of kids' reach, and out of sight.
2. Choose medicines and products that have child-resistant caps.
3. Keep Ipecac syrup and activated charcoal on hand but use it only if the poison center instructs you to induce vomiting.
4. When products are in use, never let young children out of your sight, even if you must take them along when answering the phone or doorbell.
5. Keep items in original containers.
6. Leave the original labels on all products, and read the label before using.
7. Install carbon monoxide detectors in the home.
8. Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.
9. Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Never refer to medicine as vitamins or candy.
10. Safely dispose of old medicines and cleaning products.
11. Beware of make-up, hair spray, cologne and other personal products.
12. Emphasize the responsibility that grandparents and other caregivers have in poison prevention.
13. Keep the National Poison Control Center hotline number by each phone:
1-800-222-1222

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to "Poison Prevention Packet," CPSC, Washington, DC 20207, or visit www.poisonprevention.org.

“Together We Can Save Lives And Prevent Injuries”